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SENATOR BEUTLER: Now, at last, Senator Pederson, thank you. This is...this is the bill that relates to cervical cancer and breast cancer treatments and provides funds for treatment as well as the funds...additional funds for treatment in addition to the funds that have been available for screening. And when it was only a screening program the...the investigation, so to speak, or the review to determine financial eligibility was very...was presumptive, was very short. Essentially, you asked at the doctor's office whether you were within income guidelines relating to 225 percent of poverty and if the answer was yes that was that; the screening proceeded. And that makes perfect sense. Now treatment is also provided in cases where it's needed and the question then, it seems to me, in part, is whether the more detailed investigation for financial eligibility should pertain not to everyone that came for screening but for those that might require treatment. Historically, for Medicaid, for all government programs, we've developed a kind of standard system for looking into financial eligibility and it would seem to me that that system should continue to pertain to those who may require treatment. So, Senator, as I understand it, the Department of Health and Human Services can require, in cases where treatment may be in question, can require that the more thorough and the typical process for determining financial eligibility can...can be applied. And, as I understand it, it would be your intention that it should, not with respect to the front end screening, but with respect to those instances where...where a more expensive treatment might be in question. Is that accurate? Would that be your intent with regard to directing the department with respect to how they should handle this?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Senator, under the Every Woman Matters Program, there is a form that they must fill out. This is every woman, including the 185 and the 225 percent of poverty level. And in this form they set forth their household income, how many people live on this income, and then you key that in to where they fall in respect to the percent of poverty. But these...everybody who is screened, including these people, are using this same form and I think...